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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Chisari et al.

Serial No.: 08/854,825  
Filing Date: May 12, 1997  
For: **HEPATITIS C VIRUS-DERIVED  
PEPTIDES CAPABLE OF  
INDUCING CYTOTOXIC T  
LYMPHOCYTE RESPONSES**  
Docket No.: 329368-101A  
Art Unit: 1648  
Examiner: Parkin, J.S.

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Responsive to the Office Action dated February 2, 2000, the amendments set forth below are respectfully submitted.<sup>1</sup> With the Petition for an Extension of Time (three months), the present amendment is timely filed on or before August 2, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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22. **(Three Times Amended)** An isolated molecule comprising a polypeptide that induces an hepatitis C virus (HCV)-specific response in cytotoxic T lymphocytes having a sequence that [has]

<sup>1</sup> I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST-CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231, ON AUGUST 1, 2000.

  
By: Arthur E. Jackson